**High percentage of taxes in the price of cement**

†1674. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 30 percent of various taxes are included in sale price of cement in the country;

(b) if not, the kind of taxes being recovered from consumers by Government, alonghwith the rate of such taxes;

(c) the estimated production cost of cement during 2005-06 and 2006-07 till December; and

(d) the percentage of production cost being earned as profit by the producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Data relating to cost of production of various cement producers is not centrally maintained.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Withdrawal of its Report by Mashelkar Committee**

1675. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dr. R.A. Mashelkar Committee on patent Law had withdrawn its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has asked Government for three months' time to re-examine and resubmit the report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.